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***** EDITORIAL *****

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Future newssheets of the "H & T" will be highlighted with a new logo as well as expanded reports on current philatelic events. These and other improvements are aimed at increasing the effectiveness of the "H & T" to inform the R.P.A. membership. Currently the newssheet is issued monthly excluding the summer months of June, July, August. However, it is possible that this summer newssheets will be mailed to the membership. These extra issues would serve as a philatelic focal point filling in the summer vacuum created by the lack of R.P.A. meetings during those few months. This represents only one of the many ideas being batted around by the "H & T ThinkTank". -- Again, the "H & T" would like to print philatelic articles authored by any R.P.A. member. If you have an article, please submit a typed copy by the first of the month to: John P. Kellas c/o Rochester Philatelic Association; P.O. Box 3806, Brighton Station, Rochester, N.Y. 14610.

***** APRIL MEETINGS *****

April 14th: "How to get the most out of a Stamp Exhibition" will be presented by two former ROPEX Chairmen. Maybe a better title for this program would be "A battle plan for the show-bound philatelist!!!"

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

Don't forget to bring in your 10 auction lots. April 14 is the last day to submit auction lots mounted on official lot forms (available at the meeting). There will be a listing of all auction lots which the membership will receive well before the Annual Banquet & Auction for perusal. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR AUCTION LOTS!**

April 29th: There will be NO evening meeting April 28th, a Thursday. Friday evening (April 29), the Annual Banquet & Auction will be held at the "French Quarters" located in the Village Mall, East Rochester. The Banquet will feature a buffet with ROAST BEEF as the main entree. Tickets are \$6.50/person with dinner starting at 6:00pm. Tickets can be purchased from Dr. Joel at the April 14 meeting or the night of the Banquet. Public Bus transportation is available with the last bus leaving for Midtown at 10:25 pm. **BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW, DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED.** The Auction will start after the meal. Remember that lots will not be accepted after the April 14th meeting.

***** R.P.A. LIBRARY *****

A copy of Linn's World Stamp Almanac, a handbook for stamp collectors will be added to our growing library. It is interesting to note that the R.P.A. is mentioned several times in the book!

***** R.P.A. DUES *****

This will be the last reminder on R.P.A. 1977 dues. Please renew your membership (\$3.50/yr., \$1.00/jr./yr.) now. The mailing list will soon be readjusted to include paying members only.

***** NOMINATIONS *****

It's time again to be thinking about nominations for R.P.A. officers. Nominations should be submitted to the Nominating committee at any of the remaining meetings before the summer break.

A T M X D S U I T I R U A M + P T
B U P N O A I L A R T S U A S O U
D R Z L M M C S W A Z I L A N D V
J K M A I A A O S S Q K M G B N A
L S O N N H Y D T C R O A S H A L
S + N A I A M A T E A O T O A L U
E C T W C B A B I N D C N U G A O
D I S S A S N R K S F G G R D E B
I T E T X + I A T I K I E Q T Z S
R O R O L O S B S O T N J A B W J
B R R B T U G E N N A E Z I L E B
E A A Q Y I C G A D A N A C R N Q
H T T N L N R I A C T I P S + V P
W N M B P Q W N A M F O E L S I M
E A E O G U E R N S E Y M D F G D
N R S I N I G R I V R B H L E C A
T B Z U M O D G N I K D E T I N U

Hidden are 31 countries with a common tie that is given to you in the scrambled letters underlined in the square above. One clue-not all countries are represented!!! Good luck.